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## Application of

Applicant : Heim et al.  
Serial No. : 09/885,663  
Filed : June 20, 2001  
Title : VEHICLE TRANSPORTATION MODULE  
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Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This paper is filed in response to the Office action mailed on November 12, 2002 (the "Office action"), having a period of response extending through and including December 12 2002.

The Office action indicates that applicant's response filed on September 17, 2002 is not fully responsive because, although applicant elected to prosecute the first invention directed to a method of transporting (claims 1-19 and 49-54), without traverse, applicant failed to respond to the election of species at paragraph 25 of the Office action of August 13, 2002.

Accordingly, applicant hereby elects to pursue the species of Fig. 1 and the claims readable thereon. Of the elected claims, claims 1-19, 49-52 and 54 read upon both species, and claim 53 reads upon the species of Fig. 7.

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This Response is filed in accordance with the telephone conversation between the undersigned and the Examiner on November 21, 2002.

In the event that the examiner wishes to discuss any aspect of this response, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,



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